Hydel power situation in Kerala

*652. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Kerala is facing its worst crisis in the hydel power sector in the last fifteen years;

(b) if so, the action taken to provide more power to Kerala;

(c) whether Kerala is utilizing only the run-off of 9,000 mcm for power generation from a utilizable run-off of 42,000 mcm;

(d) whether action is proposed to be initiated to increase storage system for power generation;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE) : (a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) During the year 2002-03, the generation from hydel power stations in Kerala was 4865 MUs against the target of 7398 MUs *i.e.* less by 34.3%. This was the second lowest hydel generation during the last 15 years (1986-87 to 2002-03), the lowest being 4553 MUs in 1988-89.

(b) The following assistance has been provided by the Central Government to Kerala :—

(i) Allocation from 15% unallocated quota of the Central Generation Stations (CGS) in Southern Region (SR) was enhanced from 4% to 25% during mid-August, 2002 resulting in additional availability of about 100 MW. This was further enhanced to 35% (highest amongst the SR constituents) during mid-March, 2003 giving additional 50MW owing to closure of Sabirigiri HEP after a fire accident.

(ii) Allocation of 73 to 100 MW from unallocated quota of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) stations in Eastern Region (ER). Present allocation to the State is 73 MW.

(iii) Entitlement of Kerala in infirm surplus power from Eastern Region increased from 200 to 300 MW during off-peak period.

(iv) One Unit (500 MW) at Talcher STPS (4 x 500 MW) in ER has been commissioned by NTPC in February, 2003 and 14% of generated power is being made available to Kerala.

Further, Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) has taken following measures to augment availability of power in the State :

1. Purchase of 100 MW non-peak power from ER through Power Trading Corporation from March, 2003 onwards

2. Generation increased at KSEB's thermal power stations.

3. Full generation from BSES, Kochi power plant (IPP) being availed.

(c) According to Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB), out of the effective run-off of 25,000 mcm, Kerala is presently utilizing 9600 mcm for hydro power generation.

(d) and (e) According to KSEB, Kerala is aiming at 601 MW of hydel capacity addition (including small/mini hydro schemes) during the 10th Plan. In addition, 20 schemes having capacity of 549.8 MW have been identified for implementation in the 11th Plan.

(f) Does not arise in view of (d) and (e) above.

SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN : Mr. Chairman, Sir, this is a very serious issue relating to Kerala. So many hydel power projects have been pending for 20 years. With regard to utilisation of water resources in Kerala, I would submit that we have nearly 42,000 million cubic water and out of this 42,000 million cubic water, we are utilising only 9,000 million cubic for power generation. Now the Government has changed the power policy and it is facilitating hydel power projects. Accordingly, I would like to know the steps taken by the Central Government to help the Kerala Government for providing power from hydel power projects.

श्री अनन्त गंगाराम गीते : सभापति जी, पिछले वर्ष लगभग देश के आधे हिस्से में सूखा था और सूखे के कारण निश्चित रूप से जो जल विद्युत प्रोजेक्ट हैं, उनकी उत्पादन क्षमता कम हो गई। इसी कारण केरल में भी पिछले वर्ष यह क्षमता कम थी। जो पानी वहां पर उपलब्ध है, जो जल उपलब्ध है, यह राज्य सरकारों का अधिकार है और राज्य सरकारों के अधिकार पर केन्द्र सरकार की ओर से हम कोई हस्तक्षेप नहीं करना चाहते हैं। अब प्राथमिकता कृषि को दी जाए या पावर प्रोजेक्ट को दी जाए, यह भी राज्य सरकारें तय करती हैं। निश्चित रूप से केन्द्रीय सरकार की ओर से यह सुझाव राज्य सरकारों को दिया गया है कि पानी उपलब्ध कराया जाए।

SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN : It is not correct.

MR. CHAIRMAN : What is correct ?

SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN : Sir, the question was whether the Central Government would facilitate the State to produce power from hydel power projects. For that so many proposals are pending with the Government. Unfortunately, we have discussed this matter time and again. I would like to point out the case of Pooyam Kutty Project which has been pending since 1981. This project has been pending for the last 22 years. So many other projects are

also pending. Whenever the State Government sends any proposal for a hydel power project, they are sending it back to the Environment and Forests Ministry. It is pending with that Ministry. You are not facilitating the State Government to start hydel power projects. My question is : Will you call a meeting of the State Government authorities, your Ministry and the concerned Ministry for environmental clearance? They should sit together and give permission for starting hydel power projects in the State. You have to take an initiative. You have to call a meeting. Will you give us an assurance in that regard? You should not avoid the main portion of my question. You have to answer that.

श्री अनन्त गंगाराम गीते : सभापति जी, मैं माननीय सदस्य की भावना का सम्मान करता हूं।

श्री सभापति : सम्मान इतना सा कर दीजिए कि जैसे ये कह रहे हैं, एक मीटिंग बुलवा दीजिए।

श्री अनन्त गंगाराम गीते : सभापति जी, उनकी जो उत्तेजना है, उसको भी मैं समझता हूं।

श्री सभापति : आप उत्तेजना को छोड़िए, इनकी एक मीटिंग बुलवा दीजिए, झगड़ा खत्म।

श्री अनन्त गंगाराम गीते : जी, सर। सभापति जी, CEA के पास कोई प्रपोज़ल पैंडिंग नहीं है। एक प्रपोज़ल एनवॉयरमेंट मिनिस्ट्री के पास है जो मनकुलम, 40 मैगावाट का प्रोजेक्ट है। एक प्रोजेक्ट केरल हाइकोर्ट में पैंडिंग है ...(**व्यवधान**)

SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN : No, no.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Let him speak.

श्री अनन्त गंगाराम गीते : महोदय, एक प्रोजेक्ट अदिरापल्ली जो 163 मैगावाट का है, यह केरल हाइकोर्ट में पैंडिंग है। फॉरेस्ट और एनवॉयरमेंट मिनिस्ट्री से क्लियरेंस के लिए जो सहायता चाहिए, मैं माननीय सदस्य को आश्वस्त करना चाहूंगा कि निश्चित रूप से ऊर्जा मंत्रालय की ओर से पूरी सहायती दी जाएगी ...(**व्यवधान**)

श्री सभापति : आपसे कह दिया है कि ये आपसे बात कर लेंगे, खत्म हुआ किस्सा। Next Question.

Deportation of criminals to India

*653. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : †
SHRI MOOL CHAND MEENA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been in a good response from UAE in regard to deportations of more criminals to India;

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy